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REPUBLICAN HARMONY

Good Nature Prevailed at the State Convention at Harrisburg.

THE TICKET NOMINATED

Selection of Candidates Is Quickly Made.

James S. Beacom, of Westmoreland, and Major Levi G. McCauley, of Chester, Are Nominated for State Treasurer and Auditor-General. Not a Ripple on the Surface Marked the Serenity of the Proceedings.

Harrisburg, Aug. 26.—The Republican state convention, comprising 353 delegates, met in this city today and nominated James S. Beacom, of Westmoreland, for state treasurer, and Major Levi G. McCauley, of Chester, for auditor general. The latter had no opposition, but the Allegheny county delegates under the leadership of State Senator C. L. Magee, placed the name of State Senator John W. Crawford, of that county, before the convention in opposition to Mr. Beacom. No active canvass was made in Crawford's behalf, however, and he received but nine votes besides the thirty-one cast for him by his home delegates.

PRONOUNCED HARMONY

The harmony which prevailed was of the most pronounced sort, and there was not a ripple on the surface to mar the serenity of the proceedings. The delegates appeared to take only a languid interest in the work of the convention, although the nominees, when they were introduced at the close of the session, were given a cordial greeting.

CHAIRMAN ELKINS' SPEECH

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their support. Several conferences were called for the purpose of uniting the friends of the bills in an effort to have them passed by the house. I waited until the legislative committee was organized upon them the importance of passing this legislation.

WRATH OF PARTISANS

"The wrath of indignant partisans concentrated on the civil service bill awaiting the action of the Pennsylvania legislature. Because of the pledges in the platforms of 1895 and 1896 the chairman of the state committee preached the doctrine of non-partisanship and the redemption of party pledges to unwilling legislative ears during a period of five months. The result of these efforts culminated in the passage of two measures in substantial compliance with the pledges of the party. One of the bills passed prohibited the payment of poll taxes by political organizations without proper authority from the individual voter given at least thirty days prior to the election. The other bill prevents the arbitrary assessment of the employees of our state, county and municipal governments by any political party."

THE COMMITTEES

Committees on resolutions, permanent organization and credentials were appointed as follows: Resolutions—C. C. Bastian, Harry Hunt, J. H. Starnes, T. H. Stubb, M. L. Savages, Philadelphia; Ninth district, J. Herbert Ogden; Tenth district, N. V. Nazare; Eleventh district, W. H. Kautz; Twelfth district, John H. McDonnell; Thirteenth district, James L. Landis; Fourteenth district, D. C. Denny; Fifteenth district, George Kurland; Sixteenth district, James L. Marsteller; Seventeenth district, G. H. Meyer; Eighteenth district, E. Everett Ross; Nineteenth district, George W. Beemer; Twentieth district, W. A. Straw; Twenty-first district, H. C. Olin; Twenty-second district, D. E. Pomeroy; Twenty-third district, C. E. Geyer and Elias Deemer; Twenty-fourth district, W. W. Brown; Twenty-fifth district, W. H. Whitehouse; Twenty-sixth district, W. J. Whitehouse; Twenty-seventh district, C. F. Strangh; Twenty-eighth district, H. W. Kautz; Twenty-ninth district, Hugh B. Craig; Thirtieth district, John S. Appley; Thirty-first district, William Shortridge; Thirty-second district, W. A. Straw; Thirty-third district, Joseph M. Cover; Thirty-fourth district, Henry L. Wilson; Thirty-fifth district, C. Olin; Thirty-sixth district, John R. Byrne; Thirty-seventh district, Frank W. Jackson; Thirty-eighth district, Chaas W. Stinch; Thirty-ninth district, C. L. Magee; Fortieth district, William Flinn; Forty-first district, J. A. Evans; Forty-second district, A. M. Templeton; Forty-third district, W. H. Kautz; Forty-fourth district, H. T. Lillibridge; Forty-fifth district, W. H. Andrews.

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adopted the platform prepared by the party leaders. United States Senator Boies Penrose, of Philadelphia, presided, and Chris L. Magee, of Allegheny, was selected to deliver the platform. During the reading of the plank referred to municipal reform Senator William Flinn, of Allegheny, twitted his colleagues by inquiring if the plank was not the same as that of the two previous state conventions. Several resolutions were offered in the convention and referred to the committee without debate. None of these, however, were considered by the committee.

RESOLUTIONS OFFERED.

William Shortridge, of Centre, a personal friend of Governor Hastings, offered the following: Resolved, That this convention unequivocally endorses the action of Governor Hastings in vetoing the bills passed by the late legislature, commonly called the Beckley bills. This blanket extension of the civil service, at a time when a new president was about to be inaugurated, had the effect of striking up violent opposition to the civil service idea throughout the whole country.

David H. Lane, of Philadelphia, offered a resolution which was unanimously agreed to by the Philadelphia delegates, condemning the civil service system and urging the repeal of the foundation of the same. The creation of a favored class of officeholders and the discrimination practiced against the masses less fortunate in their opportunities in early life.

THE CANDIDATES.

Chief sketches of the men nominated at Harrisburg yesterday. James S. Beacom, of Greenburg, the nominee for state treasurer, was born in Westmoreland county, December 9, 1853. He is a son of Rev. Dr. H. C. Beacom, who was a member of the Pennsylvania legislature and was graduated from Washington and Jefferson colleges in 1880. After leaving college he was principal of the Blairsville academy and was the editor and proprietor of the Blairsville Enterprise, a Republican journal. He continued in his position until 1895, when he was elected a member of the Pennsylvania legislature and was re-elected in November, 1896. He was a candidate for congressman-at-large at the state convention in January, 1897, but declined to run.

NOMINATIONS MADE.

Nominations were next in order and Congressman E. E. Robbins, of Westmoreland, named James S. Beacom, of that county, for state treasurer. John R. Byrne, of Fayette, seconded the nomination of Mr. Beacom. C. Robertson, of Allegheny, in nominating State Senator John W. Crawford, of that county, for auditor general, created much laughter by declaring that Allegheny is the only county in the state that has not surrendered to machine politics. The roll call resulted in the choice of Beacom by a vote of 316 to 40.

THE PLATFORM.

Senator Penrose then mounted the platform and read the resolutions. The report of the committee on platform was adopted. It reaffirms the national Republican platform of 1896 and congratulates the country on the return of the Dingley bill and the return of prosperity. It continues: "Dollar wheat" has sounded the death knell of the "free coinage" heresy. In the late presidential campaign the strongest support was given to the Democratic party was the promise that their success in that election would raise the market price of wheat to \$1 a bushel—payable in gold. The dollar thus receives its value in the market \$2.50 worth of silver, as measured by the coinage value of that metal. We pledge ourselves anew to the Republican doctrine of sound money and an honest dollar.

HARMONY IN NEBRASKA.

Republicans Make a Record for Industry—Senator Thurston Declines, Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 25.—Nebraska Republicans made a record for industry and harmony today in their state convention. The session began shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon and work was completed before 10 o'clock. The nomination of Hon. A. M. Post, of Platte county, as associated justice for the Supreme court was completed by a vote of 100 to 0. The absence of any reference to the money question in the platform was explained by the late action of the committee on resolutions in the state that the "silver question is a dead issue and needs no further discussion at the hands of Nebraska Republicans."

Wellington Turned Down.

Ocean City, Md., Aug. 25.—By a vote of 61 to 56 the delegates to the Republican state convention today refused to elect Wellington, Md., as the headquarters and his views as to the leadership of the party in Maryland.

AFRIDS CAPTURE ANOTHER FORT

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WARNING TO BELOOCHISTAN CHIEFS

A Bloody Hand-to-Hand Fight—The Insurgent Tribes Disperse—To Assemble Again—Khyber Pass Now in Their Hands—Mahsuding-Maziris, Reports from Lundi-Kotal. Peshawar, Aug. 26.—Fort Lundi-Kotal, situated at the extreme end of the Khyber Pass, and garrisoned by 300 men of the Khyber Rifles, was attacked and burned by the Afridis on Tuesday.

CHIEFS FORESTALLED.

Quetta, Beloochistan, Aug. 25.—The British agent held a durbar here yesterday, which was attended by the leading chiefs. He addressed them in a friendly tone, but warned them sternly of the consequences of disobedience. It is believed that these prompt measures have frustrated serious designs.

MAN HUNT IN FAYETTE.

Two Hundred Farmers Trying to Run Down a Robber and Alleged Fire-bug. Ontonagon, Pa., Aug. 25.—The southern county of Fayette is preparing to launch a big man hunt and the excitement over the affair is high. The hunted outlaw is George David, a man with ten years of experience in the profession of a robber and was then ordered to report for duty at Harrisburg on recruiting service. He rejoined his regiment, notwithstanding a foreign conviction, in August, 1883. He was promoted to captain of his company in the February following, and was discharged in January, 1886.

STEEL MILLS TO START UP.

Illinois Steel Company Signs the Amalgamated Scale. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25.—The Illinois Steel company has signed the Amalgamated scale, and the big mills at Chicago, Mill Creek and East Chicago, will start up after nearly two months of idleness. The Amalgamated (Youngstown) scale provides for a 15 and 19 cent reduction in the wages of steel and iron workers, respectively.

Strike at Hazelton.

Hazelton, Pa., Aug. 25.—The employees at Van Winkle's Beaver Meadow and Coleraine colliery, who struck for an advance in wages yesterday, returned to work today. The men are not thoroughly organized. The agitation is still going on and the strike seems only a question of a short time.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

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OPINION ON ALIEN TAX

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WOMEN RIDICULE MINERS.

They Greet Laborers in De Armit's Mines with Yells and Jeers. Pittsburg, Aug. 25.—The wives and daughters of the striking miners at De Armit's Oak Hill mines, near Turtle Creek, took a prominent part today in the demonstration against the working miners. Early this morning a dozen or more women gathered at the camp and with flags and banners marched along the roads leading towards the mine. On their way they met a number of miners going to the pit and they greeted them with yells and jeers. They derided the miners who were working and ridiculed them in a manner which caused many of them to leave the mine in disgust. The women say they will make a demonstration every day hereafter.

WOMEN FOR THE KLONDIKE.

They Go as Overseers for Women's Clubs. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25.—Many miners have gone into the Klondike district as the representatives of women's clubs, which is sending women overseers to see that the work every day possible and turn over all the gold they find. Miss Bernice Hale, of New York, arrived today and secured transportation for six women overseers who will go to Alaska in the spring.

Brethren Church Conference.

Johnstown, Aug. 25.—Scores of delegates from all parts of the United States are arriving on every train to attend the tenth annual national conference of the Brethren church. The meetings will commence tomorrow and last until Tuesday. It will be held in a great tent in Westmont park, on a mountain 800 feet above Johnstown.

No Conclusion Yet.

Harrisburg, Aug. 25.—No conclusion has yet been reached regarding a design and plan for the new state capital. The commission had two meetings this afternoon, but Speaker Boyer was absent, and it was decided to postpone action until next Monday. It is almost certain that the plan recommended by the experts will be rejected.

Strike Declared Off.

New York, Aug. 25.—The strike of the progressive tailors, which began on Sunday last, was declared off today, the increase of 25 per cent in wages, demanded by the tailors, having been conceded by the employer.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Aug. 27.—In the middle states states and New England, today, fair, slightly warmer weather and light to fresh southerly and southwesterly winds will prevail, followed by local rain or thunder storms, on Saturday, in both of these sections, fair weather will prevail.

SAVED BY A LITTLE PUG DOG.

He Helps Release a Girl Bound by a Burglar.

New York, Aug. 25.—A burglar forced his way into the home of Dr. Frank Valk, No. 116 East Thirty-seventh street, last night, and knocked Lizzie Murphy, the servant girl, down with his fist. She was alone in the house. Then he wound one end of a rope around her neck and with the other he bound her hands behind her back and lashed her feet together. With the same rope he lashed her to the bed posts. A towel stuffed into her mouth made an effective gag.

GRAND ARMY AT BUFFALO

General J. P. S. Gobin Elected Commander-in-Chief—Cincinnati Secures the Encampment for 1898. Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Cincinnati's triumph in securing the national encampment for 1898 and Pennsylvania's visitor in winning the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, were the features of the encampment. Both



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Runaway's Fatal End.

Court Officer Killed and His Wife Terribly Injured. Easton, Pa., Aug. 25.—Constable John W. Ricker, of Easton, accompanied by his wife, drove out today to serve court papers. On the road, while descending a hill, the horse ran away. Both Ricker and his wife were thrown out. Ricker landed on his head and was instantly killed.

Paying Off Mortgages.

The Kansas Wheat Crop Brings Prosperity to Farmers. Great Bend, Kan., Aug. 25.—The country recorder reports the release of over \$20,000 in chattel and real estate mortgages since August 1st. The wheat crop has not been threshed.

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